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SUBJECT: CALL BY AMERICAN FRIENDS ON THE DEPARTMENT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS CHURCH GROUPS WHO VISITED EL SALVADOR RECENTLY UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE CALLED ON DAS BUSHNELL MARCH 27. THEY REPORTED THAT THEY HAD MET WITH A NUMBER OF PERSONS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CRM AND JUNTA MEMBER MORALES ERLICH, AS WELL AS INTERVIEWED SOME 40 REFUGEES WHO HAD FLED SECURITY FORCE REPRESSION IN THE COUNTRY SIDE AND WHO ARE NOW IN CHURCH-RUN REFUGEE CENTERS IN SAN SALVADOR.

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3. THE FRIENDS GROUP REPORTED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE REFUGEES REPORTED LARGE SCALE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS INCLUDING MURDER, TORTURE AND RAPE BY IDENTIFIABLE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES (PRIMARILY NATIONAL GUARD AND POLICE). THE REFUGEES REPORTED THAT THE SECURITY FORCES WERE GENERALLY ACCOMPANIED BY MASKED MEMBERS OF ORDEN WHO, BY REFERRING TO LISTS, IDENTIFIED THOSE TO BECOME VICTIMS. THE REFUGEES INTERVIEWED WERE FROM EIGHT OF EL SALVADOR'S DEPARTMENTS, AREAS NOT YET AFFECTED BY THE AGRARIAN REFORM MEASURES.

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